CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	yng grl-suk4.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	802195
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	21 April 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file depicts a man involving a very young girl in a sexual act. The image has been deliberately constructed for sexual titillation and arousal. It encourages adults to see young children as sexually desirable and available for sexual gratification. The effect is to validate a sexual interest in children and encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.